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1. SUMMARY: GOC HAS GOOD NARCOTICS TRAINING PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES. THE FOLLOWING IS A REPLY TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ASKED IN PARA 5 OF REFTEL. END SUMMARY.
2. 5(A) - DRUG ENFORCEMENT COURSES ARE CONDUCTED AT THE CANADIAN POLICE COLLEGE, OTTAWA, ONTARIO UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE RCMP HEADQUARTERS TRAINING DIVISON. COURSE MEMBERS INCLUDE RCMP OFFICERS, PROVINCIAL ENDORCEMENT OFFICERS AND LOCAL OR MUNICIPAL OFFICERS.
3. 5(B) - THIS COURSE AS EXPLAINED ABOVE IS OFFERED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OTHER THAN THE RCMP AS PART OF OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS. THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT COURSE IS A TWO-WEEK COURSE DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO DRUG ENFORCEMENT TECHNIQUES, DRUG IDENTIFICATION, DRUG LEGISLATION (BOTH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL), DRUG ADDICTION AND DRUG REHABILITATION.
4. 5(C) - THE ABOVE COURSE IS CONDUCTED AT THE CANADIAN POLICE COLLEGE IN FACILITIES THAT

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ARE LESS THAN ONE YEAR OLD. THE CLASSROOMS ARE

MODERN AS IS THEIR EQUIPMENT AND LIVING
ACCOMMODATIONS ARE ON THE SAME SITE.

5. 5(D) - INSTRUCTORS ARE PROFICIENT IN THEIR
OWN FIELD OF ENDEAVOR. THESE INCLUDE LAWYERS,
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, PSYCHOLOGISTS, PSYCHIATRISTS
AND EXPERIENCED LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL. SUBJECTS
DEALING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT ARE HANDLED
BY RCMP OFFICERS WITH BROAD EXPERIENCE IN THE AREA
OF DRUG ENFORCEMENT.

6. 5(E) UNKNOWN. BASED ON THE RESPONSE TO "D", IT
WOULD APPEAR THAT THIS IS NOT APPLICABLE.

7. 5(F) - THERE ARE NO AVAILABLE MEASURABLE
RESULTS; HOWEVER, CANADA'S SUCCESS IN REMOVING DRUGS
FROM THE ILLICIT MARKET HAS BEEN INCREASING.

8. 5(G) - THIS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH RCMP
TRAINING OFFICIALS IN THE PAST. THE RCMP HAS BEEN
INVITED TO SEND MEMBERS TO THE DEA TRAINING
SCHOOLS BUT IN EACH INSTANCE THEY HAVE POLITELY
DECLINED. THEY ARE RECEPTIVE TO EXCHANGING
IDEAS CONCERNING TRAINING PROGRAMS AND TECHNIQUES
WITH DEA TRAINING OFFICIALS AND ONE SUCH MEETING
WAS HELD IN EARLY 1976. IN THAT INSTANCE THE
SUBJECT WAS "INTERNATIONAL TRAINING".

9. 5(H) - PERHAPS THE BEST APPROACH IN ASSISTING
THE RCMP IN THE AREA OF DRUG TRAINING WOULD BE
FOR THE U.S. TO HOST ANOTHER MEETING WITH RCMP
TRAINING OFFICIALS COVERING THE ENTIRE SCOPE OF
DRUG ENFORCEMENT TRAINING, I.E. PROGRAMS FOR NEW
RECRUITS, IN-SERVICE TRAINING, SUPERVISORY
PERSONNEL TRAINING AND FOREIGN TRAINING. AS OF
TODAY, THE RCMP DOES NOT HAVE AN IN-SERVICE DRUG
TRAINING PROGRAM AND PERHAPS THIS WOULD BE OF
PARTICULAR INTEREST.

10. 5(I) - THE RCMP MAY WELL BE INTERESTED IN
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PARTICIPATING IN TRAINING FOREIGN DRUG ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS, IN THAT A CANADIAN PRESENCE IN THIS AREA
WOULD PROMOTE A CONTINUED EXCHANGE OF DRUG
INTELLIGENCE. THE FACT THAT THE RCMP IN RECENT
YEARS HAS BEEN ASSIGNING MEMBERS TO FOREIGN
POSTS EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE EXCHANGE OF DRUG
INTELLIGENCE MANIFESTS ITS KEEN INTEREST IN
THIS AREA. THE MEETING SUGGESTED IN ITEM "H"

SHOULD BE AN EXCELLENT FORUM FOR DEVELOPING THIS QUESTION.

11. MISCELLANEOUS: THE CANADIAN POLICE COLLEGE DRUG ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM IS A TWO-WEEK COURSE FOR THE PARTICIPANTS DESCRIBED ABOVE. IN ADDITION, RCMP HEADQUARTERS CONDUCTS A THREE-WEEK UNDERCOVER TECHNIQUE COURSE FOR RCMP OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO UNDERCOVER WORK THROUGHOUT CANADA. THE TWO-WEEK COURSE INCLUDES AN AVERAGE OF 30 STUDENTS. IN 1976, 14 SUCH COURSES HAVE BEEN HELD TO DATE.

12. THE RCMP SCHOOL FOR NEW RECRUITS AT REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN INCLUDE A TEN-HOUR COURSE ON DRUG ENFORCEMENT AND RELATED MATTERS.

13. TWO-DAY SEMINARS ON DRUG IDENTIFICATION AND LEGISLATION ARE CONDUCTED BY THE RCMP TRAINING DIVISION FOR VARIOUS POLICE AGENCIES THROUGHOUT CANADA. SIMILAR SEMINARS ARE GIVEN TO CANADIAN PENITENTIARY EMPLOYEES, PROBATION OFFICERS AND MILITARY POLICE.

14. RCMP HAVE RECENTLY INCLUDED POLICE OFFICERS FROM BERMUDA AND JAMAICA IN THEIR TWO-WEEK DRUG COURSES. APPLICATIONS FOR THIS COURSE RECENTLY WERE RECEIVED FROM INDIA AND CEYLON. AS OF THIS DATE, THIS TYPE OF PARTICIPATION HAS BEEN CONFINED TO BRITISH COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES OR THOSE WITH SIMILAR TIES.

15. COMMENT: AS DEPT IS AWARE, CANADA IS PROUD OF ITS ACTIVITIES IN DRUG CONTROL, AND GOC OFFICIALS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARE SENSITIVE TO SUGGESTIONS THAT BETTER TRAINING OR ADDITIONAL TRAINING SHOULD BE GIVEN IN US. GOC PURSUES A SEPARATE IDENTITY WHICH IS THREATENED BY WHAT THEY PERCEIVE AS OUR OCCASIONAL ASSUMPTION THAT NORTH AMERICAN IS ONE UNIT, AT LEAST AS FAR AS DRUG PROBLEMS ARE CONCERNED.

16. IT MIGHT BE SUGGESTED, THEREFORE, THAT WE GO SLOW IN PUSHING GOC TO SEND PEOPLE TO US TRAINING PROGRAMS. AN INDIRECT APPROACH, BEGINNING WITH EXCHANGE PROGRAMS AMONG FACULTY AND STUDENTS, MIGHT BE GOOD. BOTH COUNTRIES SHOULD BENEFIT FROM SUCH ACTIVITIES. END COMMENT.
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